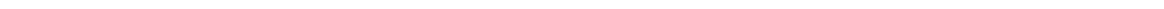




Wheat Ridge  
**Foundation**

2008 Annual Report



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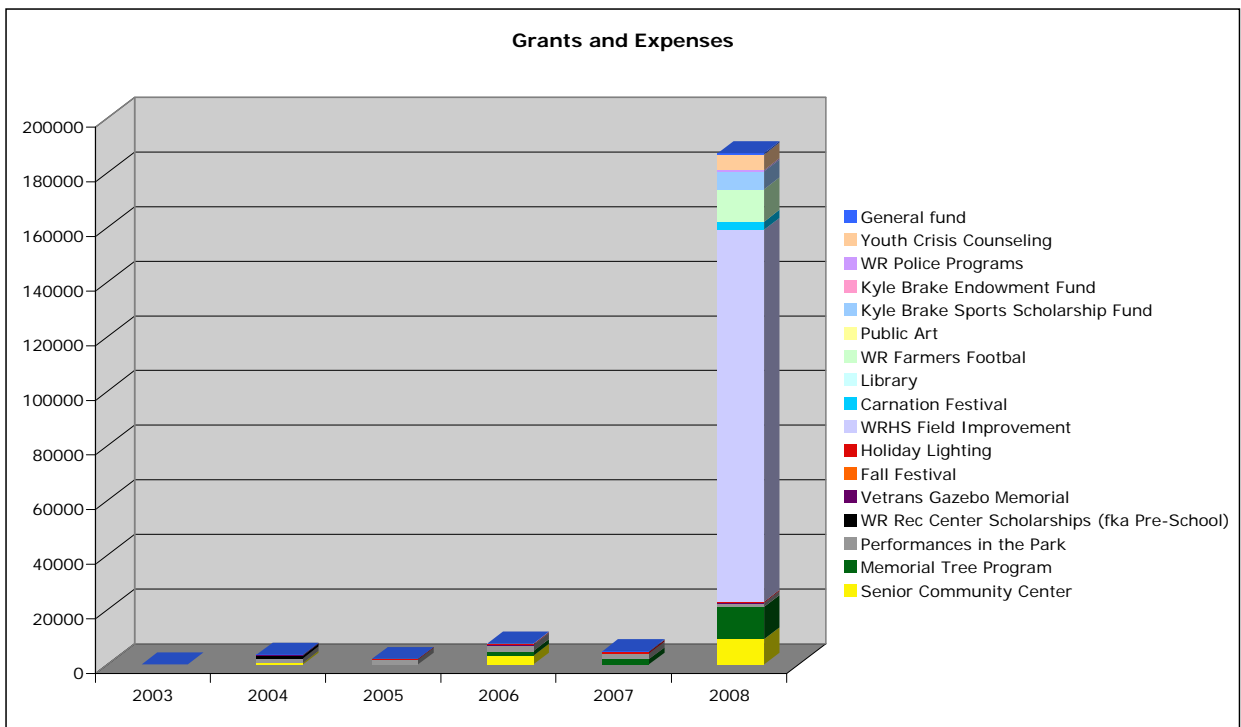
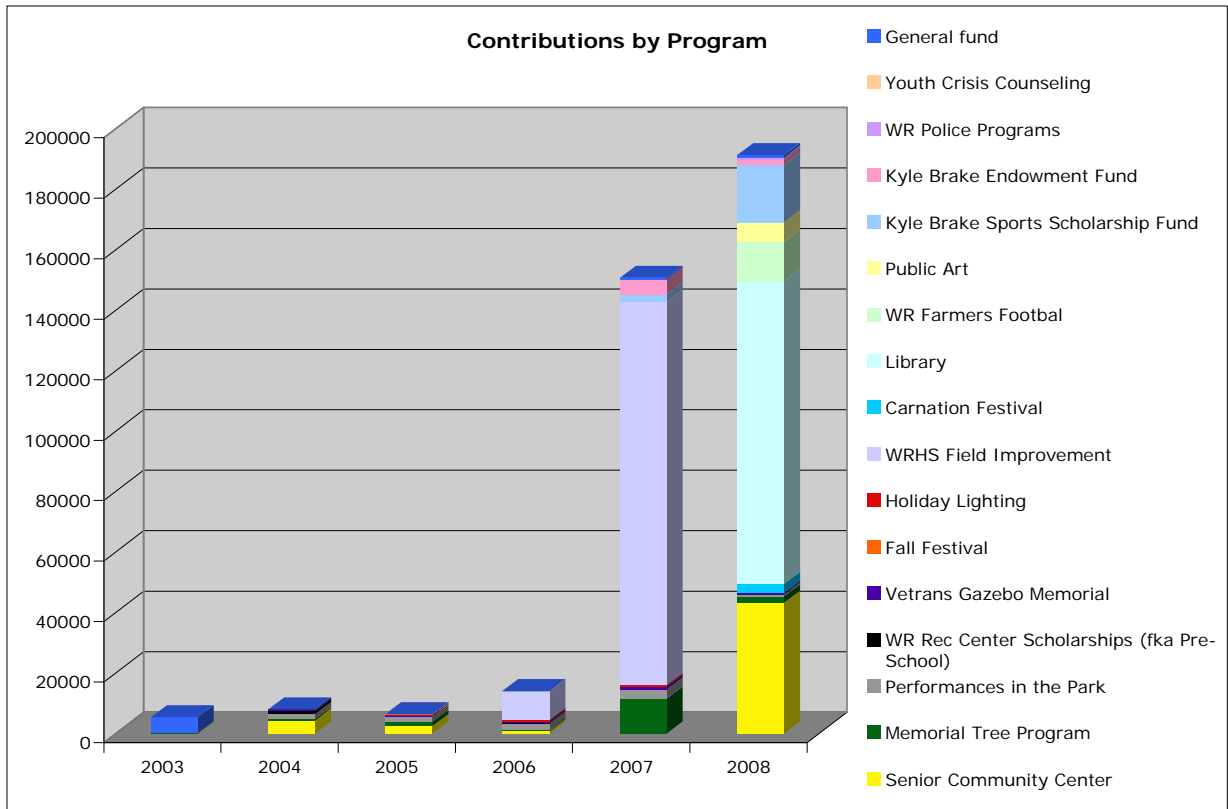
## Mission

*Working for the Community's Future*

The Wheat Ridge Foundation was established in late 2003 for the purpose of enhancing the community through cultural enhancement, education, and decoration and beautification. The Foundation has just completed its fifth full year of operation. The Foundation has received over \$375,000 in contributions from over 700 donors since inception and has expensed \$205,000 on its programs since inception. The Foundation has no employees; all administrative and program work is performed by dedicated volunteers. We would like to thank the community for its generous support and invite the community to continue coming together and *"Working for the Community's Future"*.



## Activity Since Inception

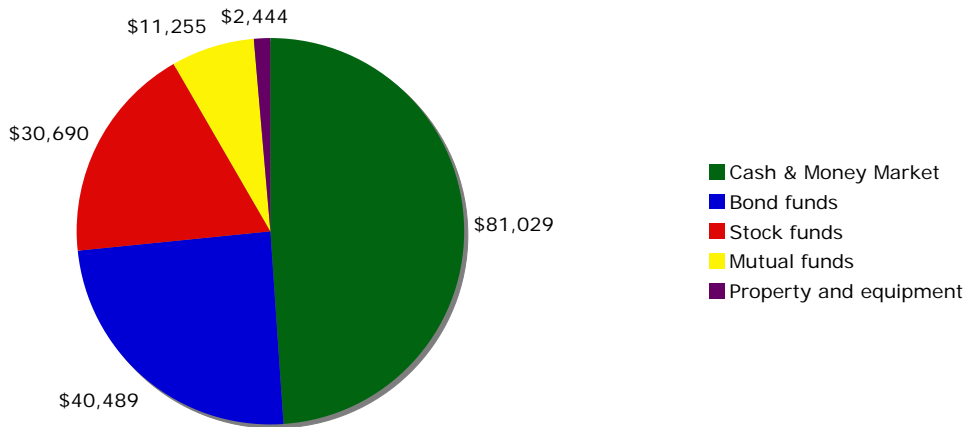


## Assets

As of December 31, 2008, the Wheat Ridge Foundation has net assets of \$165,907. Out of the total assets, \$100,000 is restricted to use for bringing a new public Library to the City of Wheat Ridge and \$6,750 is permanently restricted as the Kyle Brake Sports Scholarship Endowment.

The property and equipment was donated to the Wheat Ridge Foundation late in 2008. This equipment consists of tools for visually and hearing impaired individuals. These tools are available for use at the Wheat Ridge Senior Community Center.

**Wheat Ridge Foundation Assets as of 12/31/2008**



## The 2008 Year in Review

### MAJOR EVENTS IN 2008

#### TAX STATUS

The Foundation received its five-year determination letter confirming the Foundation as a public charity under IRS code section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under IRS code section 501(c)(3) and was incorporated in Colorado as a non-profit organization. The foundation is registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as a Colorado charity.



Being exempt from income taxes is a privilege as is being able to receive contributions that are deductible to the donors. In order to maintain these privileges, the Wheat Ridge Foundation must comply with various federal and state laws, regulations and rules.

The term "501(c)" is a provision of title 26 of the U.S. Code, often referred to as the Internal Revenue Code. This section of the code lists 28 types of non-profit organizations exempt from some federal income taxes. 501(c)(3) is the code section addressing various charitable, religious, and educational organizations. Internal Revenue Code Section 170 provides a deduction, for federal income tax purposes, for donors who make charitable contributions to most types of 501(c)(3) organizations.

Not all 501(c)(3) organizations are the same. By default, 501(c)(3)'s are private foundations, unless exempted as a public charity. Private foundations are subject to tax on net investment income and have income distribution requirements, in addition to other differences. Violations can result in excise taxes on the organization, officers, and directors. Additionally donations to private foundations are generally only deductible to the extent of 30% the individual contributor's adjusted gross income while the percent is 50% for public charities. Contributors can deduct a higher percentage of capital gain property donations to public charities than to private foundations.

In order to maintain public charity status, the Wheat Ridge foundation must normally receive 1/3 support from many sources including the general public, government agencies, corporations, or other 501(c)(3) organizations.

Here are some resources that discuss not-for-profit organizations:

[www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities)

[www.stayexempt.org](http://www.stayexempt.org)

[www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities](http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities)

[www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)

## WHEAT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD IMPROVEMENT FUND / FIELD OF GREEN

In May 2006, Mayor DiTullio and the Field of Greens Turf Initiative Committee initiated a grass roots campaign to upgrade the Wheat Ridge High School athletic fields to synthetic turf. The new field will conserve water, save the district money on maintenance and have a professional groomed look year around enhancing the appearance of the school and our city.

The City of Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County Open Space, and Jefferson County Public Schools entered into an intergovernmental/joint use agreement for the renovated field. This agreement allows the city to schedule the field during non-school hours thus increasing the playing field space available for team sports. This agreement is a winning cooperative effort for our community.

A dedication ceremony was held on September 23, 2008, for the remodeled Wheat Ridge High School, including the synthetic turf field. Foundation President Curtis Gilmore presented a check to Jefferson County Public Schools for the \$136,121 donated for the field by generous citizens and businesses tied to our community.





## 1<sup>st</sup> FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Wheat Ridge Foundation participated in its first fundraising event in 2008:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Kickin' it 4 Kyle Bowl-a-thon" held in April at Brunswick Zone in Wheat Ridge. This was a family-oriented event to raise money for the Kyle Brake Sports Scholarship fund. The many families and individuals participating in this event had a great deal of fun and are looking forward to 2009's event.

## NEW PROGRAMS ADDED

### KYLE BRAKE SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND ENDOWMENT

The Kyle Brake Sports Scholarship Fund and Endowment was established as a memorial to Kyle Brake, a young boy who loved to play soccer. The Endowment will provide a permanent source of funds to provide scholarships to children to ease the financial burden associated with participating in organized team sports. Scholarships can be requested for registration fees, uniforms and equipment costs.

Participation in organized team sports provides physical, social, academic, and emotional benefits to children. This program provided scholarships to ten children in its first year of operation, averaging \$150 in assistance.

### YOUTH CRISIS PEER COUNSELING

This program is designed to teach a unique and interactive class on communication and response strategies for high school students and staff. The training teaches participants how to identify people in crisis and appropriate communication, safety and response strategies for these situations. The format is 1-on-1 role-play, with group support, utilizing professional role players from the Crisis Company.

This course empowers youth and builds their confidence by improving their communication and coping skills. The training helps to create a safer school environment more conducive to identifying and supporting at-risk students before their situations becomes a risk to themselves or others. The participants will have training to divert at-risk students from destructive behavior by providing exposure and interaction with peers who act as positive role models and provide referrals to resources.

In 2008, the Wheat Ridge Foundation supported one training course and one follow-up course for 19 students from Wheat Ridge High School.

### LIBRARY

This fund will be used to design, plan, and construct a new public library within the City of Wheat Ridge.

#### WHEAT RIDGE RECREATION CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Licensed Preschool fund has been renamed and expanded to provide scholarships to individuals of any age who need financial assistance to participate in activities offered by the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. This program was adopted late in 2008 and in December 2008 the first two scholarships were granted.

#### PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The public art program was established to accept funds to purchase works of art for city beautification. The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission was established to promote culture and art in the City and foster cultural enrichment and education opportunities for the citizens of Wheat Ridge. The Foundation accepts donations to support this purpose. A current campaign initiated by the Mayor of Wheat Ridge has a goal of raising \$50,000 to purchase a sculpture from the Kevin Robb Studios to be installed at the 38<sup>th</sup> and Kipling Park. Public art contributes to a city's image and demonstrates pride in cultural activities.

#### CARNATION FESTIVAL

The Carnation Festival is an annual community event that has been orchestrated by a team of very dedicated volunteers for 39 years. The festival is a celebration of life in Wheat Ridge. The county-fair style event features live music, games and contests, carnival rides, and vendors. Businesses and individuals may now make charitable contributions to support this community activity.

#### POLICE PROGRAMS

The Wheat Ridge Police Department supports the lockbox program, which provides house key lockboxes to citizens who may require periodic welfare checks or emergency assistance by rescue personnel.

The National Night Out celebration promotes an evening of community-wide block parties that offer neighbors a chance to become acquainted and unite in crime prevention and drug resistance. The Wheat Ridge Police Department sponsors a kick-off celebration held at Hayward Park where visitors view the internal workings of the department.

#### WHEAT RIDGE FARMER FOOTBALL CLUB BOOSTER

This program supports the Wheat Ridge High School Farmer Football program. In 2008 supporters of this program assisted with the purchase of new uniforms and program brochures for the state playoff games.

## **EXISTING PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER**

The City of Wheat Ridge transferred funds previously raised by the Senior/Community Center to the Foundation totaling \$31,879 in 2008. These funds were previously administered by the City. Volunteers have raised an additional \$18,886 since 2004.

Since its inception, the Foundation has purchased a blood pressure machine, chairs, cabinets, memory tools, outdoor speakers, a television and sound system for Wii training classes, and a network scanner for use by the Senior/Community Center. In addition, the Foundation sponsored one entertainment event. Program expenses have totaled \$13,196.

### **MEMORIAL TREE**

The memorial tree program is a way to memorialize loved ones by purchasing trees, benches or other park improvements in their honor. Since inception, this program has planted 10 trees and placed two benches in city parks. Additionally, an irrigation system and dugout improvements were completed. Over \$15,000 of memorial work has been placed in city parks benefiting park users.

### **PERFORMANCES IN THE PARK**

This program supports summer concerts in Anderson Park. These concerts are available free of cost to anyone who wishes to attend. Generous citizen and business contributions have supported 21 concerts since inception at a cost of \$8,725.

### **VETERANS GAZEBO MEMORIAL**

The Veterans Gazebo Memorial is in Haywood Park, just north of City Hall. Bricks may be purchased for engraving to memorialize loved ones. There are two paths, one for veterans and one for non-veterans. Additionally, funds are being raised to stabilize the bricks to prevent shifting. Since inception of this program, 21 bricks have been added to the walkway.

### **HOLIDAY LIGHTING**

The Holiday Lighting Celebration is an annual community event held at City Hall. The event kicks off the illumination of the City's lighting display and includes entertainment, a visit from Santa, and donor-sponsored horse drawn carriage rides for the last 4 years.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Wheat Ridge Foundation would like to put together an advisory council in 2009. This group of interested community members would meet on a quarterly basis for the purpose of advising the Board of Directors on recommended activities. If you are interested in serving on this advisory board, please mail a letter of interest to:

Wheat Ridge Foundation  
Attn: Curtis Gilmore  
4005 Kipling Street  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

### NEW PROGRAM: PARKS, FORESTRY AND OPEN SPACE

This program is designed to enhance the community's open space experience through education. The kick-off campaign will be to collect environmental education equipment and to make that equipment available to the community for check out or classes. Equipment needed includes: binoculars, cameras, spotting scopes, books, field guides, microscopes, bug boxes, and back packs.

This fund will also raise money for the additional features for the soon to be built Watchable Wildlife Boardwalk around Bass Lake. In 2009 a new and improved boardwalk with viewing decks will be built around Bass Lake, a wetland area. This

conservation area has been closed for the last several years due to the dangerous condition of the old boardwalk. The project will create opportunities for botanical studies, recreational photography, bird watching, and other environmental education and interpretive programs. Great Outdoors Colorado, Jefferson County Open Space and the City of Wheat Ridge



are funding the Watchable Wildlife Boardwalk. As this project progresses, there may be features that are not funded by public money, such as areas with shade or shelter or areas with blinds for wildlife viewing. Interpretive signage may also be funded by contributions.

## Supporting Community Members

The Wheat Ridge Foundation would like to thank everyone who has supported its mission this year. We would like to acknowledge the following donors of \$500 or greater since the inception of activities.

### Government and Non-Profit Organizations

City of Wheat Ridge  
Wheat Ridge 2020  
Collier Foundation  
Civic Results  
Enterprise Wheat Ridge, Inc.  
James Hale Memorial Fund  
Allstate Foundation  
Community First Foundation  
Krug Family Charitable Trust

### Businesses

1st Bank Holding Company  
Applewood Plumbing and Heating  
Blue Sky Plumbing and Heating  
FICCO Brothers  
Kaiser Permanente  
Knovada  
KWAL-Howells, Inc.  
Master Tech Automotive and Tire  
Noodles & Company  
Prestige Imports  
Quintel-MC, Inc.  
Skyline Property Management  
Target  
United Advertising Corp  
Walmart Stores, Inc.  
Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital, P.C.

### Social Organizations

Rotary Club of Wheat Ridge  
Farmers Football Club  
Wheat Ridge Avalanche Soccer Asn  
Optimist Club of Wheat Ridge  
Wheat Ridge Optimists  
Wilmore Davis Elementary PTA

### Individuals and Families

Abbott, Thomas and Isabel  
Adams, Karen and Rick  
Behler, Roger  
Brake, Michael and Diane  
Carlin, Allan and Shirley  
Day, Betty Phillippi  
DiTullio, Gerald and Julie  
Gronski, Joseph and Jerith  
Hanscom, Richard  
May, Roger  
McBride, Beth or Barry  
Mulligan, Patrick  
Page, Betty Jo  
Qualteri, John  
Reed, Bob  
Sasa, Floyd and Carol  
Southwell, George P.  
Stevinson, Greg  
Vardell, Kenneth  
Vohoska, Vernon and Marjorie

We would also like to acknowledge those donors who have contributed every year for three or more years:

1st Bank Holding Company  
Blue Sky Plumbing and Heating, Inc  
City of Wheat Ridge  
Downing, Donna Jo  
Dwyer, John and Patricia  
Enterprise Wheat Ridge, Inc.  
FICCO Brothers  
McBride, Beth or Barry

Noodles & Company  
Optimist Club of Wheat Ridge  
Prestige Imports  
Sandalwood Manor, Inc  
Specialty Tours & Travel, Inc.  
Voyageurs International Ltd.  
Wacker, Paul and Rebecca  
Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital, P.C.

## How to Make a Financial Contribution

You can be a part of positive change for Wheat Ridge and support programs and activities that are important to you. Come together with the Wheat Ridge Foundation to find solutions for daily challenges faced by our community, to make today's dreams tomorrow's reality, and to experience the power of giving.

Donations can be made by mailing a check payable to:

Wheat Ridge Foundation  
4005 Kipling Street  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

As a donor, you can help the Foundation build endowments to ensure funds are available forever to make a difference for your community. Contact Curtis Gilmore, Chairman of the Board, at [cgilmore5744@comcast.net](mailto:cgilmore5744@comcast.net), call 303-422-6477 if you would like to discuss endowment or property donations.

## 2008 Board of Directors, Program Managers, and Volunteers.

### Board of Directors

#### Current Directors

Curt Gilmore, Chairman and President

Tom Ripp, Vice President

David Peterson, Treasurer

Lorraine Wright, Secretary

Dewey Bridge

Patricia Dwyer

Don Eafanti

Patrick Mulligan

Arthur Bushell

#### Past Directors

Barbara Dellinger

Donna Downing

Bonnie Foulk

Tomas Lundy

John Miks

Shirley Sandeman

Johathan Pucket

Ross Westover

### Program Managers

Susan Mallory Anderson – Wheat Ridge Recreation Center Scholarships, Performances in the Park, Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Diane Brake – Kyle Brake Sports Scholarship Fund and Endowment

Joe Cassa – Youth Crisis Counseling

Toni Crocker – Memorial Tree Program, Veterans Gazebo Memorial

Julie Brisson – Public Art

Patrick Goff – Library Fund

Viola Harris – Carnation Festival

Karen Ruiz – Senior/Community Center

Colette Wagner – WRHS Farmer Football Booster

Lorraine Wright – WHRS Field Improvement

### Volunteers

#### **And all of the folks who volunteered to support the Foundation!**

If you are interested in the activities of the Foundation and wish to volunteer, please contact Curtis Gilmore at 303-422-6477 or leave a message with Debbie Rainguet at 303-231-1307.